

TITLE: [AUXILIARY LIGHTING](#)

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DEFINITION: Lighting that is essential to safety in the event of primary power supply failure.

PURPOSE: Assist people egress a building in the event of an emergency.

NAME VARIANTS: Emergency lighting; Backup lighting

COMMON MATERIALS: Brass; Vinyl; Plastic; Metal; Copper; Aluminum; Glass

COMMON COMPONENTS: Rechargeable battery backup; Light bulb; Circuits; Lamps; Test button; Housing assembly

LOCATION: ☐ Unit None
☒ Inside Common areas along the exit path of the building
☐ Outside None

MORE INFORMATION: Exit signs, exposed wiring, and cut hazards are related standards

DEFICIENCY 1: Auxiliary lighting fails to illuminate when tested

LOCATION: ☒ Inside

DEFICIENCY 2: Auxiliary lighting is damaged or missing

LOCATION: ☒ Inside

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: [AUXILIARY LIGHTING FAILS TO ILLUMINATE WHEN TESTED](#)

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: After pressing the test button, the auxiliary light does not illuminate.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Standard This is a standard health and safety issue. A repair, correction, or act of abatement for this deficiency should occur within 30 days.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

HCV — CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

RATIONALE:

| CODE | CATEGORY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | EXPLANATION |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------|---|--|
| R2 | Safety | Indirect | Resident could be injured because of this condition. | If auxiliary lighting does not illuminate, and there is an emergency, then resident may be unable to safely exit the building due to inability to see the egress. |
| R6 | Usability and Operability of Fixtures | Direct | Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent. | If auxiliary lighting does not illuminate, then the resident is unable to utilize a supplemental safety feature that is expected to be maintained as part of their rent. |
| M2 | Routine Maintenance | Direct | It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency. | If auxiliary lighting does not illuminate, then it is likely to be detected during daily maintenance observations and may indicate that that routine maintenance activities are not being addressed. |

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION: - Look to ensure that the device responds to the test and illuminates.
- REQUEST FOR HELP: - Ask POA for location of backup battery, if applicable.
- ACTION: - Press and hold test button for 5 seconds.
 - Verify emergency light illuminates for the entire 5 seconds.
 - Verify all light sources illuminate during test.
- More Information: - Some backup batteries may be located remotely.
 - Combination auxiliary light and exit sign devices must be recorded as two individual deficiencies, each within its respective inspectable item.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - None
- USEFUL: - Small pole or rod to reach test button on auxiliary light

DEFICIENCY 2 — INSIDE: [AUXILIARY LIGHTING IS DAMAGED OR MISSING](#)

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Auxiliary lighting is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality).

OR

Auxiliary lighting is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete).

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: Look at the auxiliary light to:

- Identify if the glass or placard is damaged or missing;
- Determine if the mounting bracket is damaged;
- Determine if it is hanging loose from its mount (not securely affixed); and
- Identify any evidence indicating a light was installed, but is missing at the time of inspection (e.g., bracket is present and lighting has been removed).

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

- More Information:
- This deficiency applies to physical damage only; an auxiliary light that will not illuminate is recorded under "Auxiliary lighting fails to illuminate when tested."
 - Combination auxiliary light and exit sign devices must be recorded as two individual deficiencies, each within its respective standard.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - None

USEFUL: - None

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: LIGHTING — AUXILIARY

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| FIELD | CHANGE | VERSION | DATE |
|---------------------------------|--|---------|------------|
| Overall Formatting | Complete rework of document format and layout | VI.3 | 2020-07-31 |
| Definition | Revised definition | VI.3 | 2020-07-31 |
| Purpose | Field added | VI.3 | 2020-07-31 |
| More Information | Field added | VI.3 | 2020-07-31 |
| Deficiency 1 | Separated by inspectable locations — Inside | VI.3 | 2020-07-31 |
| Title | Added inspectable locations | | |
| Health and Safety Determination | Added standardized description | | |
| Correction Timeframe | Field added; response input as "Within 30 days" | | |
| HCV — Correction Timeframe | Field added; response input as "Within 30 days" | | |
| Rationale | Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions | | |
| Inspection Process | Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information | | |
| Tools or Equipment | Field added to deficiency | | |
| Deficiency 2 | Separated by inspectable locations — Inside | VI.3 | 2020-07-31 |
| Title | Revised title; added inspectable locations | | |
| Deficiency Criteria | Revised deficiency criteria | | |
| Health and Safety Determination | Added standardized description | | |
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| Tools or Equipment | Field added to deficiency; response revised | | |

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| Rationales | Updated following in-house review and public comment | VI-2 | 2019-12-26 |
| Health and Safety Determinations | Updated following in-house review and public comment | VI-2 | 2019-12-26 |
| Definition | Updated | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |
| Name Variants | Updated | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |
| Most Common Materials | Updated | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |
| Most Common Components | Updated | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |
| Abilities or Knowledge Needed | Updated | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |
| Common Locations | Updated | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |
| How to Locate | Updated | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |
| Deficiency 1 | Updated | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |
| Title | Updated | | |
| Rationale | Updated | | |
| How to Inspect | Updated | | |
| Inspection Process and Procedure | Updated | | |
| Record Deficiency | Updated | | |
| Deficiency 2 | Added | VI-1 | 2019-11-26 |